T-583 Robert G. Marshall House St. Michaels private

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The history of this corner lot is tied intimately to the development of the lot due north of it. The two lots were originally ne until the large St. Mary's Square property was divided in 1853. At that time, Thomas Keithley retained the northern half. The corner lot changed four times between 1853 and 1871, and at each transfer the purchase price remained approximately the same. This would suggest no substantial improvements were added to the site during that period. In 1871 Mary E. Caulk purchased the lot for \$450 and evidently financed the construction of the two-story house soon after. At the estate settlement of Mary E. Caulk in 1926 the house and lot were sold to George Krill for \$1300.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-583
Magi No. 2105835504

DOE _yes _no

1. Nam	le (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	Mary E. Caulk House	2		
and/or common	Robert G. Marsha	all House		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	111 East Chestr	nut Street		not for publication
city, town	St. Michaels	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state Ma	ryland	county	Talbot	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public x private both Public Acquisition in process being considered _x not applicable	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
<u>4. Own</u>	er of Prope	rty (give names ar	nd mailing addresses	of <u>all</u> owners)
name Rob	ert G. and Kathryn	K. Marshall		
street & number	111 East Chestnut	St.	telephone no	.:
city, town	St. Michaels	state	and zip code MD.	21663
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Description	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Tal	bot Co. Clerk of Co	ırt	liber 521
street & number	Talbot County	Courthouse		folio 755
city, town	Easton		state	MD.
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surve	eys
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city, town			state	

7.	Description	Survey No.	T-583

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Robert G. Marshall house, also known as the Mary E. Caulk house, stands at 111 East Chestnut Street on the southwest corner of St. Mary's Square in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Ersected around 1871-1877, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A service wing built during the second quarter of the twentieth century extends to the back of the house, and a single-story addition erected around 1969 is attached to the west gable end of the front block.

The south (main) facade is marked by three evenly spaced bays. The entrance is located in the westernmost bay where a four-panel door is framed by two-light sidelights and a multi-pane transom. The adjacent bays are filled with two-over-two sash window. A turned post porch stretches across the entire first floor and is decorated with Victorian sawn brackets. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows.

The east gable end of the house is marked by a modern exterior brick chimney with a corbelled base and cap. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors south of the stack. The eaves are extended and finished with a short return at the base. The west gable end is largely covered by the single-story frame addition, and likewise, the north (back) side of the main block is covered by the 1940s service wing.

The interior has been moderately remodeled, but the hall retains its Victorian style stair with a heavily turned newel post, turned balusters and a molded handrail. The stringer is also molded. The parlor has been reworked with modern materials.

The second floor retains its original pine floors as well as four-panel doors. A beaded board door opens into the enclosed attic stair.

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SIGNIFICANCE

8. Significance

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The history of this corner lot is tied intimately to the development of the lot due north of it. The two lots were originally one until the large St. Mary's Square property was divided in 1853. (65/146) At that time, Thomas Keithley sold the southern half of the lot to Robert Lambdin for \$484, while Keithley retained the northern half. The corner lot changed hands four times between 1853 and 1871, and at each transfer the lot was sold for approximately the same amount. In 1871 Mary E. Caulk purchased the lot for \$450, which suggests no improvements had been made to the property. (77/307) The estate settlement of Mary E. Caulk included the sale of the St. Michaels house to George Krill for \$1300. (205/50)

Geographical Data 10. Acreage of nominated property _ Quadrangle scale Quadrangle name UTM References do NOT complete UTM references Verbal boundary description and justification 1. 5 3 8 4 8 8 List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries code code county state code code county state Form Prepared By name/title Paul Touart, Architectural Historian

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Major Bibliographical References

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Shaw House

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YEAR: 1978 VOL: 521 PAGE: 755 FROM : Kathryn P Keller PRICE:

: Robert G Marshall and Kathryn K Marshall

NOTES: Begins at a stone on corner of Chestnut Street and South Gate Lane; runs W on Chestnut 60' to Ruth Geiling; then N 59' to Roland P PLummer;

then E 60'; then S 59' to beginning.

Conveyed to Kathryn P Keller by Gerald L and Jean K Cochran, 1970, 446/514

YEAR: 1970 VOL: 446 PAGE: 514

FROM : Gerald L Cochran & Jean L Cochran PRICE:

: Kathryn P Keller

NOTES: West 60' on Chestnut to Ruth Geiling; N 59' to Roland C Plummer; E 60'

then S 59' to beginning.

Conveyed to Gerald L Cochran and Jean K Cochran by Walter Nelson Aldrich,

1970, 443/636.

YEAR: 1970 VOL: 443 PAGE: 636

FROM : Arthur Aldrich by Walter Nelson Aldrich att.-in-fact PRICE:

: Gerald L Cochran and Jean K Cohran NOTES: Same description as 446/514, above.

Conveyed to Arthur Aldrich and Florence I Aldrich by Violet F McQuay 1963, 385/544. Florence Aldrich died and property went to Arthur as sole heir.

YEAR: 1963 VOL: 385 PAGE: 544

FROM : Violet F McQuay PRICE: \$6000 : Arthur and Florence I Aldrich.

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Morris Clifton McQuay and Violet F McQuay by Oliver S Mullikin, executor for Sadie B Burns 1956, 332/535. Morris McQuay died and property descended to Violet McQuay.

YEAR: 1949 VOL: 282 PAGE: 506

FROM : Hild K Harrison & Herbert R Harrison PRICE:

: Sadie B Burns

NOTES: Same description but "Ruth Geiling formerly Mrs Barkman".

Conveyed to Hilda K and Herbert R Harrison by Emma T Krill, widow 1947,

271/172.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 271 PAGE: 172 FROM : Emma T Krill, widow PRICE: : Hilda K and Herbert R Harrison

NOTES: Same description (Southern half lot 31).

Conveyed to George Krill by Marion D Caulk, extr. 1926, 205/50. George Krill died and his children conveyed their interest to mother Emma T by 1947, 271/170.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 271 PAGE: 170

FROM : Children of George Krill PRICE:

: Emma T Krill (of Baltimore)

NOTES: Children of George Krill were: Margaret M Harrison (m Howard F); Thelma K Seymour (m George A); Emma C Taylor (m Walter G); and Hilda K

Harrison (m Herbert B)

Children of George Krill convey their interest to their mother, Emma T Krill.

YEAR: 1926 VOL: 205 PAGE: 50

FROM : Marion D Caulk, extr of Mary E Caulk estate & J P Caulk PRICE: \$1300

: George Krill

NOTES: Begins at stone at corner Chestnut St & South Alley leading to St Mary's Square; run with Chestnut St W 60' to the lot of Mrs Barkman; N with Barkman 59' to lot of William Keithley; then E 60' with Keithley; then S 59' to the

Conveyed to Mary E Caulk by John W Gardner, 1871, 77/307, Sold at auction 19 Oct 1925 in accordance with will of Mary Caulk, 21/12 and by court order, 13/314.

YEAR: 1871 VOL: 77 PAGE: 307

FROM: John W Gardner PRICE: \$450

: Mary E Caulk

NOTES: Same description. Conveyed to John W Gardner by Charles W Willey 1867,

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 33

FROM : Charles W Willey & Susan A PRICE: \$500

: John W Gardner

NOTES: "At SW corner of St Mary's Square and Chestnut Street. 1/2 town lot. Conveyed to Charles W Willey by Stephen Tallay, 1865, 71/447.

YEAR: 1865 VOL: 71 PAGE: 447

FROM: Stephen Tallay and Rebecca PRICE: \$475

TO : Charles W Willey.

NOTES: Same description. "Same lot Stephen Tallay bought from Robert Lambdin.

YEAR: 1864 VOL: 71 PAGE: 241

FROM: Robert Lambdin and Mary PRICE: \$500

TO : Stephen Tallay, of Baltimore

NOTES: Begins corner Chestnut St and South Alley. W 60' on Chestnut to

Edward Willey; N to heirs Thomas Keithley. 60' x 59'.

YEAR: 1853 VOL: 65 PAGE: 146

FROM: Thomas Keithley PRICE: \$484

: Robert Lambdin

NOTES: Same description. Lot is 59' N to the lot of Thomas Keithley. THIS DEED MARKS THE DIVISION OF LOT 31 INTO A NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN HALF. THOMAS KEITHLEY KEPT THE NORTHERN HALF AND SOLD THE SOUTHERN PART TO ROBERT LAMBDIN.

YEAR: 1845 VOL: 59 PAGE: 138

FROM: Jeremiah Leonard and Rebecca PRICE: \$400

: Thomas Keithley

NOTES: "their undivided 2/3 interest in a house and lot in St. Michaels formerly belonging to Ann Leonard, dcd, which descended to Jeremiah Leonard, Ruth Millis, and Margaret Keithley (wife of Thomas Keithley). Ruth Millis part was conveyed to Jeremiah Leonard in 1845. "THE GROUND WHERE THE HOUSE WAS BUILT WAS CONVEYED TO ANN LEONARD BY JAMES KEITHLEY AND SOPHIA, HIS WIFE IN 1842. THE HOUSE FRONTS ON ST. MARY'S SQUARE AND IS NOW OCCUPIED BY JOHN VALLIANT".

YEAR: 1842 VOL: 56 PAGE: 547

FROM : James Keithley and Sophia PRICE: \$100

TO: Ann Leonard

NOTES: "Lot number 31, which lot was conveyed to James Keithley by Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin of Baltimore City, 1828.

YEAR: 1828 VOL: 48 PAGE: 86

FROM : Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin PRICE: \$30

TO : James Keithley

NOTES: Lot number 31. "All that lot". "Which said lot was conveyed to Duncan Campbell by James Wignal of Liverpool in 1784"

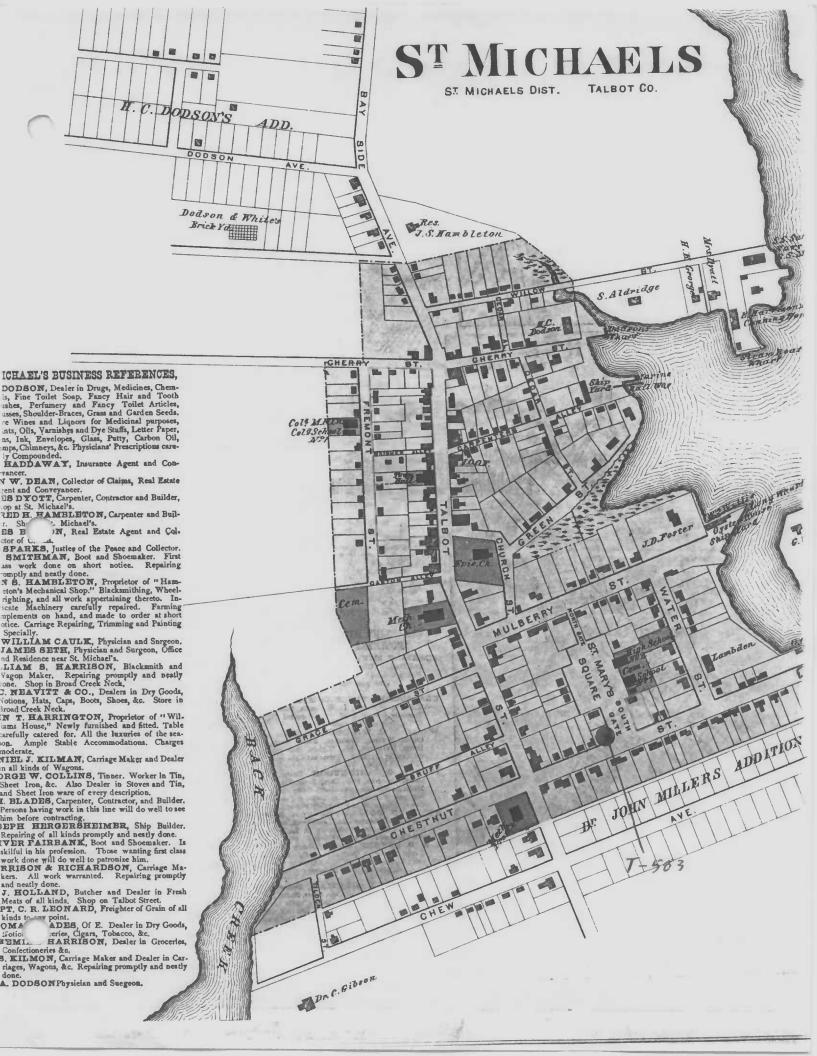
No record of a land transfer by Duncan Campbell has been found. In "Marriages and Deaths from the Baltimore Newspapers, 1796-1816" page 213, there is the following: "Mr. Man and Miss Campbell of Baltimore married last evening by Rev. Kurtz. 24 April 1797" Apparently, Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin were daughters and heirs of Duncan Campbell.

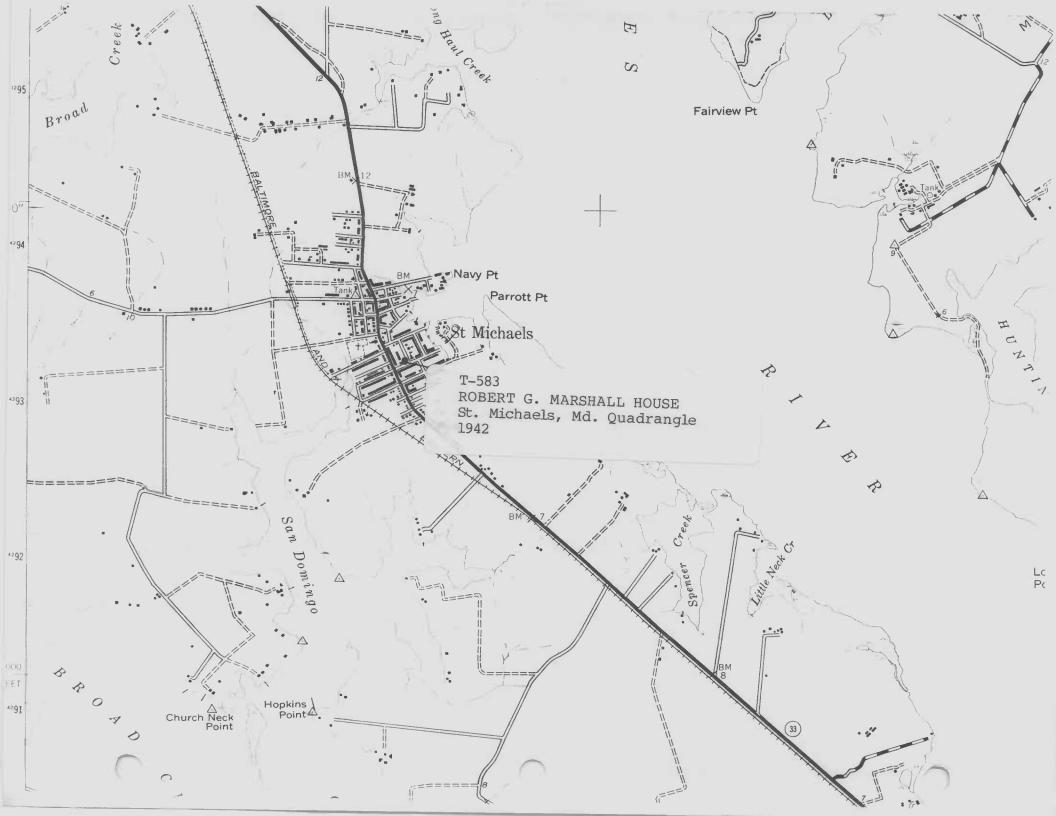
YEAR: 1784 VOL: 22 PAGE: 34

FROM : James Wignal PRICE: p3 5s spe

TO : Duncan Campbell, sawyer

NOTES: Alot "distinguished on the plat of St Michaels as number 31". The sale made by "James Wignal of Liverpool, mariner, attorney-in-fact for Mr James Gildart, esq., Dorothy Gawith of Liverpool, County of Lancaster, spinster, and Joseph Wales of Liverpool, merchant, executrix and executor of John Gawith, dcd." This was part of the unsold property of James Braddock, which was willed to John Thompson by Braddock. The property had been purchased by Braddock with money belonging to his employers (Gildart & Gawith of Liverpool) and was bought from John Thompson by James Wignal (1784, 21/417) acting for Gildart & Gawith. The land was part of "Janes Progress".







ROBERT G. MARSHALL HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

South elevation
10/86, Paul Touart, photographer
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